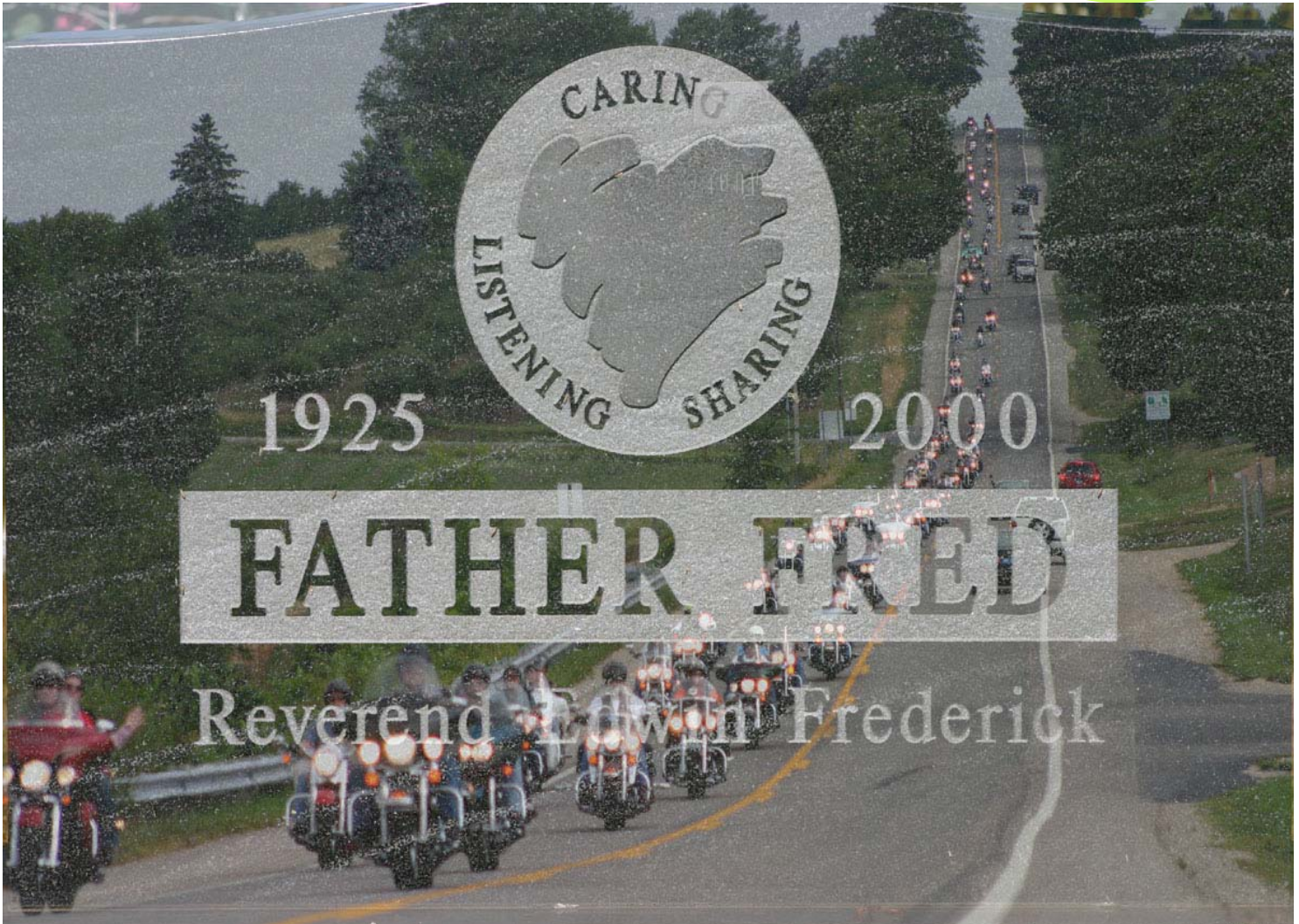


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NORTHERN CHAPTER RAISES \$12,500

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FR. FRED FOUNDATION

Wow! What a great event! Our members gathered in numbers too good to be true, the weather was absolutely beautiful, and the participation of riders outside the Chapter, including our local police department, all contributed to a weekend of success!

KUDO'S TO MICHAEL COLE AND BOB OLIVERIUS—YOUR PERSERVERANCE AND DEDICATION OF HEART ARE WHAT MAKE THIS EVENT WHAT IT IS TODAY!

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GET WELL WISHES!

As most of you know, John Weber is recovering from heart surgery and an unrelated brain abscess. If anyone would like to visit John (and he's definitely ready for company) Donna would like us to contact her first since she is not sure how long John will be in the hospital ... he may be moved for his therapy treatments.

Her telephone number is
231-938-7034

Get Well Wishes can be mailed to John at:

4301 Audubon Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686

JOHN —

HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER
REAL SOON AND BACK ON
THAT BIKE!!!

Many thanks to all of our House BBQ hosts in the month of July and August— a lot of hard work was enjoyed by all who attended! They include Dick Rusas & Kathy, Brian Zionskowski, Terry Coates/Shelly Dayton and John and Deb Ockert!

NORTHERN CHAPTER H.O.G.- Chapter Meeting - August 4, 2005

Location: Peegeo's - Recorded by: Kristine Cole (secretary)

Called to order by: Bob Oliverius (Director)

Bob Oliverius: (Director) Introduction of new members - Thank you card received from Julie Rosner-Chapter officers have voted to approve chapter half of the 50/50 Raffle to go to Deb Widrig. Lou had invited a small group to go down to Grand Rapids today to see Deb. She is still heavily sedated, in critical condition, but visitors thought she looked better than they had expected. Lou will let it be known when she is ready for another visit. She is unable to get phone calls. Lou has also stated the cards are very much appreciated. He states all donations are to go to Deb. Northwestern Savings Bank (Interlochen branch) has an account started in Deb's name. Lou has asked me to pass along to the membership that it is important that people join the American Motorcycle Association. They are the only organization addressing biker's rights on the road. Jaime Rierson, Deb Whilden, Cheryl Fischer and Kris Cole have ribbons to pass out if anyone is interested in wearing them on their vest or attached to bikes in honor of Deb. Thank you to Richard and Deb Smith who created a CD video of the Father Fred Ride and have brought copies to sell for \$15 each with proceeds to go to Deb. Lefler's are orchestrating fund raising efforts for Deb. VFW hall has offered to host a dinner fundraiser maybe in Sept. See John Lefler for information or suggestions. John Weber is also on the road to recovery following heart surgery and an unrelated brain abscess. He remains at Munson Medical Center in rehab. Talks about wanting to ride and loves visitors. Sat August 13th is 50th Birthday Bash for Terry Coates and John Ockert. Ride leaves Classic at 3pm. Bring a dish to pass. Sun. August 14th is our annual picnic at Peterson Park. Ride leaves Classic at 10am.

Tom Whilden: Lessons I learned from my mishap last month: (1) know your insurance coverage, especially how much coverage you have for custom chrome and protective gear; (2) you will want extra coverage if you travel with a passenger; (3) WEAR YOUR HELMET! I am sure I wouldn't be here today if I had not been wearing mine; (4) we have a terrific ER right here in Traverse City, trust me I wish I had been here; (5) when I bought my first Harley and joined this group several years ago, I didn't know what it meant to be part of the Harley family—I do now. Thank you to those who helped us out that day, Eric Fischer, the Rierson's, and the Cole family – you are the best.

Michael Cole: (Father Fred) WE SOLD OUT!!! We had to give out IOU's for pins, which have already been sent. Thank you notes have been sent. \$12,331.00 total fund raising profit for Father Fred. Sponsors are already lining up for next year. Special thanks to Bob Oliverius who did a great job and gives up riding on Sunday every year, Eric Fischer for a fabulous Poker Ride, Paul Jarboe for all the great PR this year, and to all the member volunteers who are too numerous to mention individually – you make this the success it has become.

Paul Jarboe: Presented Jim Dow and Lou Kirchner with framed photos from their recent Roundup ride.

Jeanette Sherman: (Membership) 50/50 Raffle \$98 to Julie Rosner donated to Deb Widrig fund; \$25 Classic Card (T-shirt) – Claude Gerskey; Membership – Mark Miller (not present-\$140 in September).

Adjourned by Bob Oliverius at 8:25pm



Mike Cole and Bob Oliverius—Fr. Fred Organizers



The view downtown Saturday night

NORTHERN CHAPTER—HARLEY OWNERS GROUP 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 1ST	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—MEETING	PEEGEO'S
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 4TH	10:00AM	WEEKEND RIDE-GAYLORD	BIG BUCK BREWERY
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 8TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—CEDAR	CEDAR BAR
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 10TH	12noon to	VFW FUNDRAISER—DEB WIDRIG	VFW HALL -
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 15TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE- TRAVERSE CITY	NORTHERN LITES
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 17TH	3:00PM	CHAPTER RIDE-FRANKFORT	FRANK SCHROEDER'S
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20TH	7:00PM	BUINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 22ND	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—CEDAR	SUGARFOOTS
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 29TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE—TRAVERSE CITY	SLEDDERS
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 6TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-MEETING	PEEGEO'S
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 8th	10:00 AM	WEEKEND COLOR RIDE (SAT., OCT. 15th—RAIN DATE)	TBA
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 13TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-TRAVERSE CITY	DILLINGER'S
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 18TH	7:00	BUSINESS MEETING	SOUTH CITY LIMITS
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 20th	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-TRAVERSE CITY	HAYLOFT
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 27TH	6:30PM	CHAPTER RIDE-TRAVERSE CITY	BRADY'S
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 3RD	TBA	CHRISTMAS PARTY—TRAVERSE CITY	HOLIDAY INN
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 21ST	5:30PM	LOH CHICK FLICK	JONAHAN B PUB

FYI — 10TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN NORTHWOODS RIDE FOR MDA
SEPTEMBER 16TH- Welcome Party; SEPTEMBER 17TH—RIDE/DINNER
Cost is \$45.00 per rider—includes dinner, pin and T-shirt

**A GREAT BIG “THANK YOU” TO JIM DOW AND HIS CREW OF VOLUNTEERS
FOR ANOTHER GREAT PETERSON PARK PICNIC!!!**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/3 Andy Bosary
- 9/3 Jeanette Sherman
- 9/4 Susan Burns
- 9/4 Peggy French
- 9/5 Chris Colvin
- 9/5 John Weber
- 9/6 Jerry Olmstead
- 9/9 Mark Anderson
- 9/10 John Lefler
- 9/10 John Ockert
- 9/10 Mick Waite
- 9/14 Ann Marie Kucera
- 9/21 Bob Burns
- 9/22 Patrick McGuire
- 9/25 Mary Nelson
- 9/27 Kim Stinson
- 9/28 Carolyn Risk
- 9/29 Don (Ringo) Bedtelyon

CONGRATULATIONS !!

MEMBERS EARNING THEIR ACTIVITY PINS

TARA BAESCH, SUE BUQUET, CHERYL FISCHER, TOM FRENCH (FRENCHIE), PAUL JARBOE, JANET JOHNSON, JIM JOHNSON, JIM KAVALAR, GAIL LANE, DEB WIDRIG, GAIL YANSKA

An Activity Pin is earned when you attend 12 events (AND SIGN IN LEGIBLY!!!) With over 75 events scheduled throughout the year, it is easy!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

STEVEN GREGORY	TOM HUNT
LARRY LESLIE	JOSEPH PATANELLA
WILLIAM RENNIE	PAULA ROBEY
LONNIE SCHAUB	RICHARD SMITH
LEO THOMAS	STEPHEN WHITE

RETURNING MEMBERS!!

MARK ANDERSON	DARRELL HUSCHKE
MARTY HUSCHKE	

AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING WINNERS

50/50 WINNER \$98

Julie Rosner (who donated back to Deb Widrig)

T-SHIRT WINNER—

Claude Gersky (\$25.00 Gift Certificate from Classic)

MEMBERSHIP WINNER—Mark Miller

(not present) Next month's prize is worth \$120.00!

“FATHER FRED—2005” DVD AVAILABLE

Rick and Shen Smith have put together a delightful rendition of the Father Fred ride and the proceeds are being donated to Deb Widrig. If you are interested in purchasing the DVD at a cost of \$15.00, please contact Jeanette Sherman at 275-5357 or gsherman@coslink.net.



**JIM JOHNSON PARTICIPATING IN THE CHERRY PIE EATNG CONTEST
YOU GO JIMI !!**



**Jeanette Sherman
Officiating at the
Cherry Pit Spit-
ting Contest**

“A NOTE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP”

As most of you may already know, some of our members have been involved in motorcycle accidents. First, Tom and Deb Whilden. On a trip to Cross Village, Tom and Deb hit a patch of sand that sent them to the ground. Deb suffered minor cuts and bruises, while Tom broke several ribs and suffered a slight concussion. Tom and Deb are recovering well, but would like to remind us all that protective gear is a **must** while riding. Tom strongly believes that he wouldn't be here to tell the story if he wasn't wearing his helmet.

Additionally, another member, Deb Widrig, suffered serious injury on Friday, July 29th, 2005, when she was run over by a tractor-trailer as she was waiting at the light at Chum's Corners (she was on her way to Classic to help with the Fr. Fred ride). Deb was taken to Spectrum Health Center in Grand Rapids where she is currently recovering from her injuries. She has been moved out of intensive care and can now accept flowers. She can also have visitors. Get well wishes can be sent to Deb at: Spectrum Health Center, 100 Michigan Street NE, Room 2254, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

A spaghetti dinner in Deb's behalf is being held at the VFW Hall, Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI on **Saturday, September 10th, 2005 from 12:00 noon until 11:00 pm**. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Plan on enjoying an evening of music, 50/50 raffles, and a silent auction. Three to six volunteers are needed.

If you can help, please contact Terri at the VFW Hall.

For those of you who cannot attend the fundraiser at the VFW Hall, and would like to make a contribution to Deb and Lou Widrig to help defray some of their expenses, please use the tear-off form provided at the bottom on this page.

DEB WIDRIG CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Mail to: **Northwestern Savings Bank**
2112 M-137
Interlochen, MI 49643

Location: City Limits - Recorded by: Kristine Cole (secretary) Called to order by: Bob Oliverius

John Lefler: (Asst. Director) Update on Deb Widrig: Had another surgery to clean out wounds. Plastic surgeon is involved now as getting close to being able to do skin grafting. Underwent anesthesia for procedure so is sedated again, but is off the ventilator usually. Plan is to be able to move out of ICU soon. Still risk of infection. Lou gets lonely in evening and really appreciates the calls and visits. Need to clarify that I am not in charge of the fund raising process. Somehow there was a misunderstanding. I would be happy to lend any assistance I can. People should go ahead with any ideas they have.

Deb Whilden: VFW recommended that we wait until school is back in session before planning a fund raising dinner.

Eric Fischer: VFW has actually planned to have a fundraiser on Sept. 17th. they are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner with proceeds to go to the Widrig's. (Date has been changed to September 10th)

Paul Jarboe: (Public Relations) Deb's medical bills are being met by the appropriate insurance company. There are travel expenses etc. not covered and the donations coming in will be very beneficial. We should realize that this will be a long process and should space out fundraisers.

Bob Oliverius: (Director) Led a discussion concerning chapter role in fund raising. Outcome: Fund Raising for a specific member will not run through Chapter books. Chapter will keep membership informed of opportunities to contribute. At this time the chapter will not commit potential excess funds at the end of the year to a specific member.

Deb Emanuel: (Editor) Jeanette Sherman suggested a flyer to keep membership informed. I think this is a great idea and will work with her to get it printed and sent out. We can put a tear off at the bottom to help people send in donations to Northwestern Saving Bank.

Jim Dow: Thank you to the Great Group of Volunteers that helped with the Second Annual Chapter Picnic at Peterson Park. We received a 20% discount on food this year. Attendance last year was 68, this year 40. Possibly due to the 50th Birthday Bash on Saturday and Sturgis. Left over soda pop and chips donated to Father Fred. Everyone appeared to have a good time and we should definitely continue with the event. THANK YOU JIM FROM THE GROUP!!!!!!

Bob Oliverius: (Director) MDA run is set for September 17th. Cost is \$45 per bike (Kevin Rierson). Cost includes pin and T-shirt along with snack, dinner, and band. Ride leaves Crystal Mtn., stops in Empire for hot dog roast, and ends back at Crystal with dinner and dancing.

Don Pishney: (Owner) MDA has enough volunteers lined up. They did ask if our Chapter would assist with donations for the silent auction. After some thought I politely declined. Feel that this Chapter just finished a major fund raising event (Father Fred) and we are currently dealing with some internal matters. THANK YOU DON FROM THE GROUP!

Michael Cole: (Father Fred) Profit went up a little since last meeting. Several checks showed up at the dealership. Final will be almost \$12,500. The Grand Traverse Band donated \$200 since they were not involved with the Flag. Follow up meeting was held and please refer to the handout provided. Sheriff Fewins is very dedicated to this event. It is one of two events the department budgets for each year. Next year they feel we need more traffic control for the intersections. Solutions to be discussed. HUGE THANK YOU TO MICHAEL – RIGHT BACK AT YOU!

Kris Cole: (Secretary) Can we have a check presentation ceremony again for PR? Discussion lead to decision to plan for such a ceremony.

Don Pishney: (Owner) Michael has informed me that he is stepping down as chairman for Father Fred after several years of hard work. He has put together a notebook to assist with planning and is happy to stay on as "consultant". Please see me if you are interested in assuming this rewarding position.

Bob Oliverius: (Director) New Business:

Tom French: (Activities) Looking at dates in Oct. for fall ride Bug Ride?

John Lefler: (Asst. Director) Christmas Party info - Don't have notes will bring them next time.

Kris Cole: (Secretary) Will check old minutes to review discussion re: ticket cost.

Lew Kirchner: (Treasurer) \$4365 in the bank. \$700 ahead of last year. Unless there is a surprise at the Christmas Party we should balance out this year.

Kim Lefler: (LOH) another Chick Flick night planned for Sept. 21st.

Michael Cole: (Father Fred) Asks that LOH design pin and T-shirt for Father Fred next year.

Don Pishney: (Owner) In response to question by Kevin Rierson discussed new dealership plans. Engineering is done. Permit for moving dirt is obtained. Hope to have the foundation in before freezing occurs. Issue for new dealership is water. Thought I had it solved several times, but things change. In the process of gaining support from adjoining property owners to agree to share cost of bringing water to property. If all agree then water is brought in and we have 20 yrs to pay cost back. Cost to have water tank on site for fire protection is prohibitive, therefore, I am still pursuing having water lined to the site.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm



Paul Jarboe, his son Daniel (“DJ”), Lew Kirchner and Jim Dow during the HOG Posse Ride. They started in Mobile, Alabama, and rode in all 26 states east of the Mississippi River in 15 days, ending up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was a great trip covering 3500 miles. They were treated to a private tour of the Harley Davidson’s headquarters when they arrived by police escort in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Jim Dow, Geno Smith, Dick Rusas and Ragg—OASIS BAR



Kim Lefler, Deb Ockert, Rich Baesch and John Ockert—OASIS



Sue Buquet, Brian Zionskowski, Tom and Deb Whilden—
Dick Rusas BBQ



Bob Oliverius, Tracy, Geno Smith, Deb Widrig— Dick Rusas BBQ



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CHAPTER NOTABLES

FROM: JEANETTE SHERMAN—Don't forget to keep your **"National HOG Membership"** current if it is about to expire. Technically, you cannot receive your newsletter if you are an inactive member in the National Directory. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Thanks!

CHAPTER WEBSITE NEWSLETTER

Username: newsletter
Password: 2360HOG



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THE ANNUAL
NORTHERN CHAPTER HOG-
CHRISTMAS PARTY!
DECEMBER 3, 2005—
HOLIDAY INN**

**FRANK SCHROEDER HAS EXTENDED AN
INVITATION TO ONE AND ALL TO
ENJOY A HOUSE BBQ AND
"BEACH DAY IN FRANKFORT ON LAKE
MICHIGAN"**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

at his parents lake house

**FOOD—FUN—BONFIRE—BYOB
CAMPERS WELCOME!**

RIDE LEAVES CLASSIC AT 3:00 PM

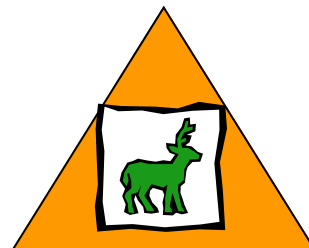
Questions? Call Frank at 313-7258

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**"BANDS FROM THE HEART"
BENEFIT FOR DEB WIDRIG**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th

**CYCLE MOORE CAMPGROUNDS
(Further details in the October Issue)**



**KEEP YOUR EYES
TO THE ROAD—
BEWARE OF
CROSSING DEER!**

**IT'S THAT TIME
OF YEAR AGAIN!**